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LISTS MILITARY EXPENDITURES OF USSR, SATELLITES

The following review of expenditures for defense and "security" for the iron-curtain countries was obtained from official publications of the respective countries.

The word "security" means the police force, the secret police, and the "security police," but excludes the armed "labor militia," which is financed by certain factories.

All figures are taken from the 1950 budgets.

Poland

The army consists officially of 150,000 men.

Expenditures according to budget

Defense Security Total

85,694,000,000 zlotys 43,931,000,000 129,685,000,000

1,000 clotys equal 1 ruble:

1,296,850,000 rubles

Bulgaria

The army consists officially of 90,000 men.

Expenditures according to budget

Defense Security

Total

1,000 levas equal 14 rubles

14,000,000,000 29,000,000,000

15,000,000,000 leva

1,296,850,000 rubles /sic - should be 406,000,000/

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Czechoslovakia

The army consists officially of 150,000 men.

Expenditures according to budget.

Defense
Security 14,000, -9,500,000,000 crowns
Total

Eic; entire line garbled 21,458,948,000 crowns

1,000 crowns equal 80 rubles

1,716,715,840 rubles

Hungary

The army consists officially of 50,000 men.

Expenditures according to budget
Defense
Security
Total

1,919,000,000 forints 1,500,000,000 " 3,419,000,000 "

1,000 forints equal 341 rubles

1,165,879,000 rubles

Rumania

The army consists officially of 125,000 men.

Expenditures according to budget Defense, security

53,000,000,000 lei

1,000 lei equal 26.75 rubles

1,431,000,000 rubles

Albania

The army consists officially of 35,000 men.

Expenditures according to budget
Defense
Security
Total

1,180,404,000 lek 740,000,000 " 1,920,404,000 "

1,000 lek equal 66 rubles

130,046,660 rubles

Total expenditures and strength of satellite armed forces for 1950:

	<u>Men</u>	Rubles
Poland Bulgaria Czechoslovakia Hungary Rumania Albania	150,000 90,000 150,000 50,000 125,000 35,000	1,296,850,000 406,000,000 1,716,715,000 1,165,879,000 1,431,000,000 130,046,660
Total	600,000	6,146,491,500

If one divides the total expenditures by the total armed strength, one will find that the satellite states spend over 10,000 rubles per soldier during one year.

The USSR's 1950 budget shows that the military budget ("security," NKVD, and atomic research not included) is 79.4 billion rubles. If this sum is divided by the official given figure for the army (2.5 million men), it shows that the USSR is spending approximately 32,000 rubles per soldier.

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During 1937 and 1938, the Soviet Union's expenditures per soldier were approximately 10,000 rubles annually; during 1939 and 1940, about 30,000 rubles per soldier; and in 1941 and 1945 approximately 11,000 rubles per soldier.

This shows that today the USSR's military expenditures are slightly higher than 1939 and 1940, when she was intensely preparing herself for the coming war.

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